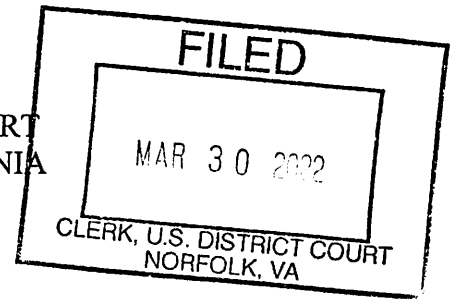


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division



IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE
OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND
ARREST WARRANT RE:

CHRISTAFER DOUGLAS FRIEND

UNDER SEAL

Case No. 2:22-mj- 75

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Kathryn Nguyen, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state:

Introduction and Agent Background

1. I am a federal law enforcement officer within the meaning of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(a)(2)(C), that is, a government agent engaged in enforcing the criminal laws and duly authorized by the Attorney General to request a search warrant and make arrests.

2. I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been employed by the FBI as a Special Agent since September 2015. As such, I am an "investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States" within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, § 2510(7). That is, I am an officer of the United States, who is empowered by law to conduct investigations regarding violations of United States law, to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States, and to make arrests of the offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code. In the course of my duties, I am responsible for investigating crimes which include, but are not limited to, child exploitation and child pornography. I have previously been involved in criminal investigations concerning violations of federal laws. Since joining the FBI, your affiant has received specialized training in human trafficking investigations, identifying and seizing electronic evidence, computer forensics, recovery of electronic files, electronic device imaging, and social media website investigations.

3. This affidavit is submitted in support of an application for a criminal complaint and arrest warrant charging CHRISTAFER DOUGLAS FRIEND (hereinafter "FRIEND") with violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b) (attempted coercion and enticement of a minor), 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2) (distribution of child pornography), and 18 U.S.C. § 1470 (attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor).

4. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations and information obtained from other investigators and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter. Rather, I have included only the facts that are sufficient to

establish probable cause for the issuance of a criminal complaint and the issuance of an arrest warrant for CHRISTAFER DOUGLAS FRIEND for the above-described criminal violation.

Probable Cause

5. On March 29, 2022, a law enforcement officer acting in an undercover capacity (hereinafter "UC") posing as the father of an 11 year-old daughter, posted a description in the "about me" section on a social-networking website located on the Internet. The description used language that is commonly associated with individuals seeking to find children for sexual purposes.

6. On March 29, 2022, at approximately 5:34PM the UC received a response on the social-networking website from user Study_WaitWhat. Study_WaitWhat asked to switch the conversation to another messaging platform, Wickr Me, and said his user name there was Darklike. Excerpts from the conversations between the UC and subject are provided below:

Excerpts from Wickr Me Messages

darklike:	So tell me how long yall been doing this
UC:	been like a year or so. took it super slow
darklike:	And she likes it?
UC:	yea took it real slow so she liked it
darklike:	Tell me more about yall
UC:	we are from NY and traveling down to myrtle beach
UC:	I'm Mike, 45
UC:	kylie will be 12 in the fall
UC:	hbu
darklike:	I'm Chris I'm 31, where and how long yall staying?
UC:	just for a few days we did Busch Gardens
UC:	staying in chesapeake
darklike:	Nice lol how much you looking into wanting
UC:	you mean how much cash?
darklike:	Yea
UC:	100 bucks you can have her for an hour
darklike:	Now I'm going to ask this is there anyway to prove this is all real
UC:	we can talk on the phone
darklike:	On this app
UC:	yes
darklike:	Ok
darklike:	You can call me

7. A recorded voice call within the Wickr Me application then took place between a second UC and darklike during which darklike asked the second UC how he and his daughter had started; the second UC said he had started by fingering his daughter. Darklike then asked if the daughter was around. The second UC confirmed she was and a third UC acting as the 11-year-old

girl then started speaking to darklike. Darklike then asked what he believed to be the 11-yearold girl if she likes it when daddy touches her; she responded that it tickled. He then asked whether she had sucked daddy's dick; when she appeared confused he asked whether she's sucked his "peepee". Darklike said he would be available at 10PM to come over.

8. The chat conversation resumed after the phone call:

Additional Excerpts from Wickr Me Messages

darklike: I forget to ask how big is she
 UC: what u mean? she's little, kinda tight
 darklike: Skinny?
 UC: kinda
 darklike: Ok
 darklike: Could I see a pic of her
 UC: totally just don't want to share a lot of pics dont want her image out there
 darklike: Gotcha
 UC: *(shared a photo an altered photo of a fully-clothed adult)*
 darklike: OMG she's so cute and sexy
 UC: thanks man i think so to
 darklike: You should totally take her to a nudist resort
 UC: hahah yea man. are there any here??
 darklike: One in ivor Virginia called whitetails
 UC: cool
 darklike: It's family friendly and I've see sexy kids there and OMG tan kids are beautiful
 UC: might have to consider it for our next trip
 darklike: Lol I'm going to try this summer so hopefully we can meet again
(shared a photo of a naked prepubescent female child spreading her legs with her genitalia clearly visible)
 UC: nice love it
 UC: she yours?
 darklike: No [REDACTED]
 UC: hot
 UC: do you play?
 darklike: [REDACTED]
 darklike: But I loved it for a short time
 UC: must have been awesome when you could
 darklike: Yup I honestly wish I [REDACTED]
 darklike: Has she seen a cock?
 UC: yea i've had her touch my cock but was easing into it
 darklike: If I send a pic of mine can you show her it
 UC: that would be cool and she will know what to expect when you get here

UC: are you big?
darklike: Average 5.5
(shared a photo of an erect adult male penis)
darklike: Be right back taking a shower now
UC: k
darklike: What does she think
UC: she really like it
UC: not gonna lie bigger than me lol
darklike: Lol well I'm glad she likes it and eh I think I'm small myself
darklike: Haha I keep looking at her pic and so badly want to jerk and cum
but I also want to wait till I see her to really cum
UC: cool save it up
darklike: Have you cum on her before
UC: just on the outside
darklike: Well yea but how was her reaction and where did you cum cause
I'll be honestly I would either cum on her pussy or chest and lick it
clean
UC: i did it on her chest, it would be hot to see you cum on her pussy
darklike: Then I will lol
UC: cool u still thinkin like 10?
darklike: Yea somewhere between 10 and 1030
UC: ok cool u want her showered?
darklike: Sure
UC: k cool shes hoppin in now. if ten works then cool shes gonna be cranky as
fuck lol
darklike: Lol well I'm sure we can make her happy then cranky
darklike: Ask her if she wants something sweet
UC: she would love that, her favorite candy is swedish fish
darklike: Ok definitely will do that for her
UC: ill have her wear her favorite unicorn onesie
darklike: Will she be naked underneath it
UC: definitely
darklike: Lol I'll be honest I'm going to give you \$200 cause I can't believe that this
will happen
UC: very cool bro
darklike: Could I stay little longer then an hour
UC: if you can come earlier you can stay for a couple of hours
UC: she has to go to bed soon
darklike: I'll try 930
UC: great
darklike: Where are yall staying at
(conversation confirming location of UC in Chesapeake, Virginia)
darklike: On my way
UC: cool
darklike: I'm excited and little nervous haha
UC: same here

UC: it'll be fun
darklike: Lol why you nervous
darklike: Oh yea
UC: more nervous excited
darklike: Haha yea
darklike: She's so sexy
UC: yea she is
darklike: Almost there just got to get candy
UC: Great
darklike: They don't have any Swedish fish, what else does she like
UC: twix
darklike: Ok
darklike: I'm here

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9. On March 30, 2022 at approximately 9:52 PM, FRIEND arrived at the Chesapeake, Virginia location where he had made arrangements to meet "Mike" and his daughter "Kylie". FRIEND brought with him the \$200 he had told the UC he would pay him to spend time with his daughter. After he gave the \$200 to "Mike," the UC, he was arrested. Agents found Twix candy on his person. FRIEND agreed to speak with agents after his arrest and denied molesting [REDACTED]

10. Both Wickr Me and the social-networking website initially used to communicate with FRIEND both necessarily require use of the Internet. The Internet is an interconnected network of computers with which one communicates when on-line, is a network that crosses state and national borders, and is a facility of interstate and foreign commerce.

Conclusion

11. Based on the information and evidence set forth above, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to establish that on or about March 29, 2022, within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, CHRISTAFER DOUGLAS FRIEND has violated 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b) (attempted coercion and enticement of a minor), 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2) (distribution of child pornography), and 18 U.S.C. § 1470 (attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor).

12. Accordingly, I request that a complaint and arrest warrant be issued charging CHRISTAFER DOUGLAS FRIEND with such offenses.

Respectfully submitted,


Special Agent Kathryn Nguyen
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn and subscribed to before me on
March 31, 2022 in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Honorable Robert J. Krask
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE